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SUBJ: DISSIDENT LABOR MP PROCLAIMS LOYALTY TO LABOR PARTY

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1. IN A LETTER TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE READ IN PARLIAMENT JULY 10 BY LABOR MP JOE BEINCAT, DISSIDENT LABOR MP PAUL CARACHI SAID THAT HE REMAINS TOTALLY LOYAL TO THE LABOR PARTY AND THAT HE HAD NEVER THOUGHT OF LEAVING IT. HIS REQUEST FOR A SEPARATE SEAT WAS "INTENDED TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE DISQUIETING POSITION OF THE BACK BENCHER WHO, ON THE ONE HAND WANTS TO SERVE THE PARTY THAT ELECTED HIM, AND ON THE OTHER HAND TO SERVE HIS CONSTITUENTS. THIS IS MY WORRY, MY DISCOURAGEMENT, THE CROSS WHICH MUST BE BORNE IN POLITICS." REPORTEDLY, CARACHI DID NOT ATTEND THE SESSION.

2. COMMENT: CARACHI'S STATEMENT REFLECTS A LONG-STANDING PROBLEM OF LABOR MPS MAINLY RESULTING FROM MINTOFF'S STRICT POLICY ON GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT. AS FAR BACK AS A MONTH AFTER THE JUNE 1971 ELECTIONS, LABOR MPS WERE COMPLAINING TO US ABOUT THEIR INABILITY TO REWARD THEIR SUPPORTERS BY GIVING THEM GOVERNMENT JOBS, AS THE NATIONALISTS DID IN THE PAST. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD THAT CARACHI HAS HAD PROBLEMS WITH HOUSING

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